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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MOVE TO NEW CHANCERY

REF: A. STATE 231609, B. KINGSTON 3890

1. AT PRESENT TIME, AND UNDER "NORMAL" POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH T.O. STRENGTH OF SIX WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC, MSG'S STAND 39.2 HOURS PER MAN PER WEEK (1/9 FACTOR INCLUDED). PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT INVOLVES ONE 24-HOUR POST AT EMBASSY, A SECOND MSG ON DUTY FROM 2200-0600, AND ONE 4-HOUR POST ON SATURDAY AT CONSULATE FOR CHAR-FORCE. WHEN MOVE TO NEW CHANCERY IS COMPLETED (THUS ELIMINATING NEED FOR TWO MSG'S AT NIGHT) PROPOSING TO INSTITUTE MSG POST INSIDE CONSULATE DURING NON-DUTY HOURS. GOJ HAS REFUSED PROVIDE STATIONARY POLICE ON 24-HOUR BASIS ANY OF OUR BUILDINGS SINCE JANUARY 1976. CREATION OF MSG POST WOULD INVOLVE AN ADDITIONAL 128 HOURS PER WEEK FOR A TOTAL OF 296 HOURS PER WEEK (168 PLUS 128, WITH CHAR ESCORT OF CONSULATE COVERED BY NEW POST). WITH A DETACHMENT OF SEVEN(7) WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC, THIS WOULD AVERAGE 46.7 HOURS PER MAN PER WEEK (1/9 FACTOR INCLUDED).

2. WITH REGARD TO NEW CHANCERY, FOLLOWING NEEDS ARE ANTICIPATED:

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A. ONE MSG TO MONITOR AREA OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DURING NON-CONSTRUCTION HOURS. SEABEES WOULD SURVEIL WORK DURING DUTY HOURS;

B. AS OFFICES/PERSONNEL BEGIN TO RELOCATE FROM PRESENT FACILITIES TO NEW CHANCERY (WHILE WORK ON COMMCENTER CONTINUES ON A SEPARATE FLOOR), A SECOND MSG POST WOULD BE REQUIRED AT NEW CHANCERY ON A 24-HOUR, 7-DAY PER WEEK BASIS;

C. ONE MARINE TO ACT AS COURIER ESCORT BETWEEN EXISTING COMMCENTER AND NEW CHANCERY DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS;

D. ONE MSG AT PRESENT EMBASSY, 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS/WEEK, AND ONE MARINE AT CONSULATE ON SATURDAYS FOR 4-HOUR CHAR-FORCE ESCORT, WHILE COMMCENTER AND OTHER OFFICES REMAIN AT PRESENT LOCATION.

3. UPON COMPLETION OF WORK IN/AROUND VAULT/COMMCENTER, SEABEES WOULD NO LONGER BE NEEDED. UPON FINAL TRANSFER OF ALL OFFICES (INCLUDING COMMCENTER) FROM OLD EMBASSY, IT WILL BE CLOSED AND THAT MSG POST, AS WELL AS COURIER ESCORT, WILL BE TERMINATED.

4. COVERAGE OF NEW CHANCERY (2 POSTS - 168 HOURS AND 128 HOURS), COURIER ESCORT (40 HOURS), PRESENT EMBASSY (168 HOURS), AND CONSULATE CHAR-ESCORT (4 HOURS) INVOLVES A TOTAL OF 508 HOURS. THIS BREAKS DOWN TO 46.9 HOURS PER MAN, PER WEEK (1/9 FACTOR INCLUDED) WITH A COMPLEMENT OF 12 MARINES (PLUS NCOIC). WITH DEPARTURE OF SEABEES AND UNTIL COMPLETION OF WORK AT NEW CHANCERY, ONE ADDITIONAL MSG WOULD BE NEEDED DURING DUTY HOURS TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OF COMMCENTER AREA (E.G. WINDOWS REMOVED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, OPEN ELEVATOR SHAFTS, ETC.) FOR A TOTAL OF 13 MARINES (PLUS NCOIC) OR AN AVERAGE OF 46.7 HOURS PER MAN PER WEEK (1/9 FACTOR INCLUDED).

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT FOUR (4) MARINES BE PROVIDED FOR INITIAL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION IN/AROUND COMMCENTER (SEE 2A), TO ARRIVE NLT OCTOBER 15, 1976. AS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES, SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED, ON TIMELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIS, FOR MSG COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. COMPLETION OF ENTIRE PROJECT ESTIMATED EARLY APRIL, 1977.

6. A. EMBASSY HAS A VAN/CARRY-ALL SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO DETACHMENT AND WOULD COVER TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

B. INITIAL GROUP OF FOUR (4) MSG'S SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSUME DUTIES IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE.

C. ALL MSG'S SHOULD HAVE VALID DRIVER'S LICENSES.

D. PER DIEM FOR JAMAICA IS \$50.

7. SEPTTEL CONCERNING HOUSING TO FOLLOW.  
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